



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Plain City, Ohio

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### Word from Pastor Alice



Dear Church Family,

I'll Be Home For Christmas! The song by that title is perhaps a Christmas favorite of some. It gives us that nostalgic feeling of being home for Christmas with all the sights and sounds...even if only in our dreams. Since moving to Ohio in 1982, it hasn't been in my dreams but a reality as I have driven on the road and headed to Pittsburgh to be with family for Christmas each year. This year will mark the fortieth year of those travels (minus one for Covid and two for seminary in Pittsburgh)! That's a lot of road trips! Well, you and I are spiritually coming home for Christmas once again as we remember and celebrate the glorious birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and anticipate His coming again! We are going to hit the road with a sermon series entitled, I'll Be Home For Christmas. Here is what we will focus upon each Sunday:



November 28, 2021

Packing the Car - (When everything doesn't fit). Matthew 1:18-25

December 5, 2021

Dealing with Road Construction - (Ridding our sinful hearts) Isaiah 40:1-5

December 12, 2021

"Are We There Yet?" - (Waiting isn't easy) Luke 1:5-25

December 19, 2021

Hitchhikers - (Bringing others along for the ride) Isaiah 40:9-11

Christmas Eve

We've Arrived! - (Home is where the heart is) Luke 2:1-20

Epiphany. Jan. 2

A Different Route - (A Changed People) Matthew 2:1-12

I hope and pray you will join us on Sunday mornings in person. We are excited to have Ailene Albrecht as our new organist starting Dec. 5. If you have been at home during this time of Covid, this would be a great time to come back to worship.

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6**

Love being your pastor!

May we all draw closer to Jesus during this Advent/Christmas Season!!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness.

- Dick Wilson
- John Jordan

We will also pray for individuals with Covid and you can send any names to email to Rev. Alice at [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).



A Community Prayer Cross was placed at the Plain City Presbyterian Church entrance. Should you have a prayer concern, there is a card box (the lower box) with cards to write your prayer. Drop your card in the Prayer Box (upper box) and we will pray for you. You can sign your name to the prayer request or you can remain anonymous. Thank you to John Watson for the beautiful craftsmanship of the cross, to Jean Spike for the idea and the boxes, and to Gary Gibeaut and Jim Kaufman for helping to get it placed.



**Per Capita Reminder:** If you forgot to send in your Per Capita, it is not too late. For this year it was \$37.75 per member. You can place it in offering plate or note on your donation. If you have already contributed, thank you. It is much appreciated.

### **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Weekly Monday night prayer and Bible study continues December 6 and 13.** If you are interested in joining us, send an email to [revalp@neo.rr.com](mailto:revalp@neo.rr.com).



**Men's Bible Study** will take a short break for December. They will be studying 8 Verses Showing Jesus Lives when they resume. Contact Bill Pettibone for more information. All men are welcome to join them.

### **LOOKING FOR A SAFE WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.**

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman, and Don McKelvey have been our ever faithful camera men for **YEARS** now. They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

### **Church Treasurer Report for October 2021**

The general fund balance for the end of October increased slightly due to the month having five Sundays. Therefore, donations were sufficient to cover expenses paid in the month.

#### **General Expenses Fund**

Beginning Balance	10/01/2021	\$ 5,512.30
Income		11,696.07
Expenses		<u>(10,970.89)</u>
Ending Balance	10/31/2021	\$ 6,237.48

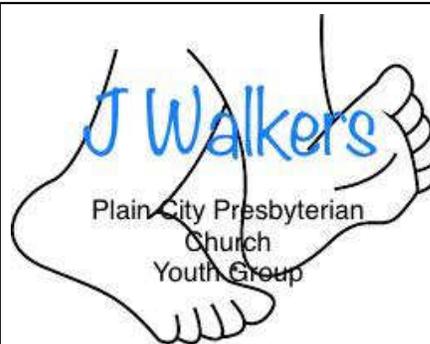
If there are any questions, please let me know.  
Best Regards,  
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

**THANK YOU** to Carolyn and Gary Gibeaut, Jim Kaufman, and John Rihl for cleaning up flowerbeds around the church.



Thank you to all who donated to the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. Your generosity helps with projects nationally and globally. Thank to Judy Brady, Donna Rihl and Nancy McKelvey who participated on behalf of the Women's Circle in the service.

Thank you to the many hands that helped with the Christmas Decorating this year. Jim and Karon Kaufman, Rita McCray, Sharon Newell, Brenda DeLeon, Nancy and Don McKelvey, Barb Berry, Carolyn Gibeaut, and Rev Alice Phillips.



J Walkers next meeting is directly after the November 28 Worship service to assemble and deliver holiday bags for the Shut-Ins.

Watch your email for more details on

a December outing from Rev. Alice.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEXIS RIHL FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO**

**JONATHAN ALDER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY!**

**Welcome our new Organist, Dr. Ailene MacKay Albrecht.  
Joining us on December 5th!**

We are excited to announce that Session has called Dr. Ailene MacKay Albrecht to be our new organist.

Ailene had been a substitute organist on Sunday for us several times prior to Covid. Since Covid she has been providing weekly recorded music.

Ailene is a professional freelance musician (Oboe, English Horn, Piano and Organ) in the Columbus area. She works collaboratively with all levels of musical talent. She has extensive experience leading music worship services, (traditional, blended, contemporary and modern), working with instrumentalists and vocalists, conducting choirs and working with young musicians. Ailene also spends time accompanying many college students in their recitals and performs with several local orchestras. Ailene has a Masters of Music from The University of Washington and a Doctorate in Music Performance from The Ohio State University.

Ailene and her husband, Richard, live in Hilliard with their 2 cats- Nikko and Dinkum. Their daughter, Caitlyn also lives in the Columbus area. Ailene, Richard and Caitlyn - work closely together collaborating on many musical adventures.

In her encounters with Ailene, Rita McCray, chair of the Organist Search Committee said: "I have found her to be dedicated, hard working, flexible, knowledgeable and humble."

In my weekly encounters with Ailene since Covid, I have found her to be caring, compassionate, adaptable, flexible, creative, talented, giving, and positive.

**Ailene will begin as our organist on December 5.** It will be wonderful to have live music again on Sunday morning! We have always been blessed with Judy Walker's musical gifts for many years. Ailene will continue to provide great musical gifts to the glory of God. Please welcome Ailene and her family to PCPC! If you have not been in worship, this would be a great Sunday to come in person!



**Used Coat Drive:** Women's Circle will be gathering clean gently used or new children and adult coats to be donated to DNA mid December. You can leave them on the table outside the offices. Clean out those closets and let's help

keep a local child or adult warm this winter!



**Thank you to all who donated boxes for the Operation Christmas Child. We had 13 boxes donated and 41 contributed on-line.**

**Upcoming Women's Circle Meeting**

**Christmas Brunch Saturday Dec 4 at 10 am at the church.**

We welcome everyone to come. Bring whatever yummy brunch item that you'd like to share. We will also be having a \$10 gift exchange. Come enjoy an early taste of the holiday season!

The Women's Circle is also having it's hat, mitten and socks tree again this year. We hope to have it along the entrance way into the sanctuary. Bring some warm hats, mittens and socks to help keep someone in need warm this winter. They will be distributed to DNA and the Food Pantry after the holidays.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS!



Join us for a special evening of Christmas Music and Scripture led by our new organist, Ailene Albrecht, and soloists.

It will be an extra special treat!

Don't miss it. We will be live and also live-streaming it.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be at

7:00 p.m.



### REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in this past year should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!

Bob Schlitz—Home

Connie Zimmerman—Arizona home

Dick Harper—Home

Marian Thomas & Pat Stenner & Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living

Chuck Stoker—Home Pat Stoker- Bluebird Retirement, Marysville

Alice Shalosky— Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Ray Russell, Charlotte Lambka, - Edgewater Assisted Living

Georgianna Rymer- daughter's home

Helen Watson- Darby Glen Rehab Hilliard

Mary Lou Rihl- Glenwood

**The Little Food Pantry on our property** needs some help! Lisa and Joe Ross (who placed it there) have been filling it each week, and it is almost immediately depleted! So they need some help!

What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. NOTHING that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.



**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH AND LEAVE ON TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICES.**

For example: Canned goods - vegetables/fruit  
Peanut butter, Jelly, Crackers  
Cereal (small box ...or individual serving)  
Spaghetti and sauce, Pouch size tuna  
Rice, Granola bars, Box macaroni and cheese  
Soap/shampoo, Baby wipes



12/03	Tom	Stapp
12/04	Jack	Mercer
12/06	Samuel	Stapp
12/07	Judy	Weeks
12/08	Tommy	Lear
12/09	Marian	Thomas
12/11	Chuck	Stoker
12/17	Keith	Lester
12/24	Alice	Shalosky
12/25	Ayodele	Longe
12/25	Julie	Thomson
12/28	Elizabeth	Bradley
12/30	Rosemary	Anderson

12/21 Harley & Judy Bodenbender



### **SAFETY GUIDELINES!**

1. No longer will temps be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid, please stay home and watch online.
  2. All vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks. **Due to the rise in the delta variant The Scioto Valley Presbytery in their weekly news today said: *It is very strongly advised by our Presbytery Coordinating Team that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. The Elders of Plain City Presbyterian Church are strongly advising all to wear masks on Sunday morning. This is NOT a mandate. We are leaving the decision up to each individual.***
  3. Sanitizing will still continue.
- We will continue to revisit this as things change. Session approved reopening of our building this fall to outside groups with appropriate restrictions.

### **Hospital Visitation Updates**

VISITATIONS **\*Update\*** - Marysville Hospital is allowing clergy to visit!!!

1. A pastor can visit if he/she is listed as one of the two visitors (that is all any patient is allowed) on the patient's chart. Most likely this will not be the case as family members are usually the two listed.
2. If patient or family requests the pastor to visit, a contact is made through the chaplain's office. The pastor is contacted by the office for a one time visit.
3. If someone is terminally ill, this is an exception...however, visits must still be cleared through the nursing staff.

**PLEASE KNOW SHE WILL VISIT ANY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE A REQUEST. DURING THIS COVID MESS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY – SHE CANNOT JUST FREELY WALK INTO A HOSPITAL AS IN THE PAST PRIOR TO COVID.**

This makes her heart sad as she believes pastoral calling is an essential part of ministry...but this is the way it is for now. But please know that she will gladly pray on the phone with hospitalized individuals as she has been and will continue to do. She will also gladly visit you at home before surgery to pray in person.